

Mother Goose's Top 10 Tips for Raising a Remarkable Reader



1. Read, sing, talk, and play with your baby. Enjoy our action rhymes with your baby at home! The words to the rhymes, and short videos we've created to help parents and caregivers learn them, are on our website at: <http://tinyurl.com/mother-geese-and-more>
2. A sizable vocabulary will help your child to read, write and think well. Books and rhymes are a great source of a rich vocabulary!
3. Make reading interactive: point to pictures and ask questions. Before your baby can talk, pause after a question and suggest an answer. Relate the story to your baby's life.
4. Share bouncing rhymes at home with your baby facing you. It's fun, bonding, and your baby learns best from face-to-face interaction with a loving caregiver.
5. The American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend screen time for children 2 years or younger.
6. Nursery rhymes can delight, distract or soothe a fussy baby. They add joy and learning to your baby's time in the car, in the tub, or on the changing table.
7. Look for books with rhythm and rhyme. The more rhythm and rhyme a baby hears, the easier it will be for her to decode words when she begins to read.
8. Make reading throughout the day a happy habit! Good times to read aloud are after nap, after meals, at bedtime or in the tub. Experiment with what suits your child and family best.
9. When people ask about a gift for your child suggest *Babybug* as well as other magazines, books and music. Try out the Library copy first to see what interests your child.
10. Allow yourself time to read for pleasure. You deserve it, and our children do as we do!